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Because of the fact that all steamers destined for American ports are required to remain in the stream while here (with very rare exceptions, which are fully noted on the bills of health) and are loaded from foreign-owned lighters, which are fumigated periodically to free them from rats, and which in addition are required to use rat guards while alongside, and do almost all the loading in daylight, it is thought that there is little or no danger of the disease gaining access to the ships by means of rats.

Cargo is carefully supervised, and every precaution is taken to prevent, so far as is possible, the access to the vessels of persons who might be carriers of the disease. With regard to this latter, however, in case of vessels remaining here for some days the crew can not be prevented from getting ashore, and of course lighter coolies have free access to all parts of the ship. The personnel, however, of such vessels as come up the river to Shanghai is carefully inspected as near as practicable to the hour of departure, with the exception of cabin passengers, and the crew and steerage passengers originating here, or on vessels bound direct to American ports, are bathed and their effects disinfected.

CUBA.

Transmissible Diseases.

Nov. 20 to 30, 1912.

Diseases.	New cases.	Deaths.	Under treatment.
Leprosy.....		1	245
Malaria.....	3		3
Typhoid fever.....	12	4	35
Diphtheria.....	13		7
Scarlet fever.....	7		9
Measles.....	1		2
Varicella.....	1		
Tetanus in new born.....	1	1	
Paratyphoid.....	2		5

HAWAII.

Kukuihale—Plague.

Surg. Trotter at Honolulu reports, December 17, the occurrence on December 16 of 3 deaths from plague at Kukuihale. One of these deaths was from the pneumonic and 2 from the bubonic form of the disease.

ITALY.

Leghorn—Typhus Fever.

Report from Leghorn, November 25, stated that there had been 1 case of typhus fever, with 1 death, in Leghorn during the week ended November 23.

JAPAN.

Cholera.

Report from Yokohama, dated November 18, states that during the week ended November 16 there were reported in Japan 185 new cases of cholera. The total number since the beginning of the outbreak is 2,329.

In Formosa 259 cases of cholera with 168 deaths were reported from the beginning of the outbreak to November 7.